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The 24 September 1951 issue of Ljubljanski Dnevnik carried a lead article, "They Smuggled Watches", concerning the efforts of Anton Meze, a student, to sell his colleagues 300 watches (actually 237 watches, worth 2 million dinars) and watch chains which he claimed he could get from Zagreb.

The article reported that Anton Meze would report to Manfred Zinrajh, a Jew in Zagreb, who had obtained the watches from another Jew, an international smuggler who was connected with still another Jew, who, in turn, was connected with still another, etc. The smugglers met in a Jewish home in Zagreb, and because one Jew trusts another Jew, the smuggled watches remained with Zinrajh.

The emphasis was on the one word "Jew" as if there would be no smuggling if there were no Jews, or as if all Jews are smugglers. These are the well-known brutal Nazi methods used by Hitler, Goebbels, Rosenberg, and all the Nazis who thus strove to annihilate the Jews first and then other people. Such an article might have appeared in the pogrom-promoting National-Socialist Stuermer, but it is inconceivable that a newspaper with such callous fascist beliefs could have this article printed in a newspaper published in Yugoslavia today.

It is even more surprising that this article could appear only 2 days after the Ljudska Pravica had carried an article on freedom of the socialist press, stating that freeing the press depends primarily on a firm and persevering struggle to develop the socialist consciousness and responsibility of newspapermen themselves and on improving the quality and accuracy of the press.

The law forbids inciting racial and religious hatreds in Yugoslavia. Those responsible for this article will be called to answer for it. Attempts to revive fascism have no place in socialist Yugoslavia and have less place in the Yugoslav press.

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